



LARC



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to members of AARA and to all readers of the LARC!

Our December meeting will be a covered dish affair at the Red Cross so bring an empty stomach and a covered dish. Meat will be supplied by the club. There will be no V.E. testing. Eating will begin shortly after 7:00 PM.

We are seeing evidence of increased sunspot activity. I noticed ads running in the Nov. QST encouraging hams to purchase all the new equipment so you can ride the curve to the next solar max. I can't wait.

As I write this on Thanksgiving day, I am on vacation in Guntersville, AL at Lake Guntersville State Park. It's really a gorgeous day and it is a beautiful park. Yesterday we saw bald eagles soaring above the lake performing aerobatics. It reminds me of what a great country we live in and how lucky we all are to be Americans. Double lucky to be ham radio operators in America.

See you next Thursday at the meeting. Bon Appetite!

-73

John, W4JHC

Ham of the Year Award

On the evening of November 17, Mickey Cox, Delta Division Director, and I traveled to Lake Charles to attend the Gator Amateur Radio Society club meeting. The purpose of the trip was to roast our old friend Alan Levine WA5LQZ and present him with the ARRL Louisiana Section "2009 Ham of the Year and 2000 - 2010 Ham of the Decade Award". Doing the honors as organizer and master of ceremonies was Dick Rogers WB5TUG who worked diligently to keep Alan in the

Many attending club members participated with testimonials for Alan and Dick read several testimonials from Section members who could not attend. For the first time since I have known Alan he was totally caught off guard and speechless... for a while!

Alan, past Louisiana Section Emergency Coordinator and presently Assistant Section Manager, has been and is a very knowledgeable Elmer to a great number of Hams all over Louisiana. He has also worked tirelessly to organize and promote ARES and EmComm in Calcasieu Parish and the Louisiana Section. Congratulations to



Mickey Cox K5MC Alan Levine WA5LQZ Gary Stratton K5GLS

Photo by Dick Rogers WB5TUG

AARA Annual Christmas Party

December 3rd, 7:00 PM, Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana. Everyone asked to bring a covered dish (with food).

NO BUSINESS - NO VE TESTING - JUST EATING!
DOOR PRIZES AVAILABLE

Alan for this much deserved award. It was a wonderful pleasure to present it to him and watch his face light up.

Also many thanks for the nominations for the Ham of the Year award sent by Section members. Alan had some very strong competition among the other nominees.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday Dec. 3rd @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Minden Hamfest—December 19th
Southeast LA Amateur Radio Club
(SELARC) Jan. 16th, 2010

Local 2-Meter Nets

Sunday

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

Monday

AARA Net 7:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA
Acadia Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.240 pl 127.3 Crowley, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - 600 PL 103.5

Wednesday

Vermillion Parish ARES Net 8:00 PM
147.060 Abbeville, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 Lafayette, LA

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Paul "Buddy" Azar N5AN Becomes 77th Civic Cup Recipient

Azar 'Humbled' by Honor

by Claire Taylor • ctaylor@theadvertiser.com • November 4, 2009

When Dr. Paul Azar Jr. was a boy, he rode his bike around Lafayette, stopping at a garden nursery on weekends where he watched businessman Maurice Heymann hard at work, even on Sundays.

Heymann eventually would fulfill his dream, building the Oil Center where that nursery once stood. Seventy-seven years ago, he was honored as the first Lafayette Civic Cup winner for his generosity and public service.

On Tuesday night, Azar joined Heymann, becoming the 77th Civic Cup recipient.

"I am honored that I was selected and proud and humbled, humbled in the wake of the great citizens who came before me and received this award, and proud of the work that has been done in Lafayette," Azar said.

Azar became an ophthalmologist in 1975, served 30 years in the Louisiana National Guard where he rose to the rank of colonel and was brigade surgeon of the 256th Infantry Brigade when it was called to active duty in Operation Desert Storm.

He founded the Azar Eye Clinic and pioneered intraocular lens techniques in Louisiana. Azar is known for treating those who cannot afford to pay.

But the devastation and desperation in the hours and days following hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 led him to a deeper level of community service.

Azar was medical director for the Cajundome when 18 buses of Katrina evacuees arrived in the early morning hours, hungry, thirsty, filthy and sick. He and his team of medical personnel treated them, then established a medical clinic at the Cajundome, staffing it for 61 days.

"At times, I felt like the deckhand on the Titanic," Azar said.

Azar and Dr. Andy Blalock later created the Louisiana Emergency Medical Unit, a group of doctors prepared to respond to emergencies, which they did during hurricanes Gustav and Ike in 2008.

Azar, who serves on the Cajundome Commission, became a founder of the University Medical Center Foundation to assist with financial shortfalls after the 2005 hurricanes, established an LSU eye center and residency program, which continues to treat the indigent today, and served as president of the LSU Alumni Association in 2007.

"He is worthy of all this," Cajundome Director Greg Davis said. "He's a great man who does so much for our community."

The work of Azar and his team after Katrina "made us feel so much better about what we were challenged to do," he said.

Azar shared his honor with all in Lafayette who donate their time and talents for the betterment of others.

"I think some of us take Lafayette for granted," 1996 Civic Cup recipient and Acadian Ambulance Service CEO Richard Zuschlag said. "We need to recognize we live in a giving community. Learning how to give back to the community is important."

The Civic Cup is sponsored by The Daily Advertiser.

BTW, Buddy N5AN has been a long time member of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. and a member of the new Louisiana Contest Club.



Ann Knight, left, the 2008 Civic Cup recipient hands the 2009 Civic Cup recipient to Dr. Paul Azar, Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2009, at the Petroleum Club in Lafayette. (Brad Kemp)

NOVEMBER 2009 AARA MEETING MINUTES (edited)

The meeting was opened by the president John W4JHC.

The opening prayer was by the vice-president Herman KN5GRK followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were 34 members and one visitor in attendance. The visitor, a prospective Ham, was Mark Saltzman.

Mathew Crochet KF5CAF (non-member) passed his General Class Test.

Ed WA5TNK mentioned that the International Space Station was due to fly over at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes: The September Minutes were not read, due to being posted in the November LARC Newsletter.

Financial Report: The financial report was read by treasurer Joy N5YCS and will be made available to club members upon request.

OLD BUSINESS:

Calvin KD5JCT and John W4JHC will take AMOS to have the generators fixed on Saturday, November 7th.

Nick K5QXJ stated that the radio for the Children's Museum was fixed and will be returned. Nick also stated that there is no change on the status of the 146.82 MHz repeater relocation. Furthermore, Nick stated that the upcoming classes for instruction on the General Class Test would be held at New Horizons, in the old Tenneco Building on Ambassador Caffery Pky.. Volunteers for teaching the classes have been assembled. Dates and times TBA.

NEW BUSINESS:

John W4JHC mentioned that W1AW will be conducting a frequency check on November 11th at 0245 UTC or 2145 local on the W1AW frequencies. John also mentioned that there was a large Solar Flare last week that had a Solar Flux rate of 82.3.

John further stated that there has been another break-in at the 147.04 MHz repeater site. No club equipment was taken but the locks were broken. Dick WA6MVI provided new locks for the enclosure with keys to KQRS Radio gates.

The FBI and other authorities caught the thief that robbed the site earlier, for the copper in the coax and heliax.

The Cajun Cup 10K will be held on November 14th and the Cajun Cup 1/2 Marathon will be held on December 5th. Larry KE5KJD and Sandy KE5KJF are the Chair Persons for the Cajun Cup 10K but not for the 1/2 Marathon. They require three more volunteers for this event. A Chair person and volunteers are needed for the second event.

AMOS will NOT be utilized. The W5DDL repeater will be used during both events.

John W4JHC stated the Herman KN5GRK will not be acting as Net Control for the AARA Monday Night Net on the 146.820 repeater at 7:00 PM or the Acadia Parish ARES Net at 8:00 PM on Mondays on the Crowley 147.240 repeater after December 31st. John asked for volunteers to take over.

Jim N5NVP asked for a Club donation of \$ 100.00 for the Louisiana Memorial Scholarship Fund. A Club vote was taken and the Ayes were in the majority.

Dues are now being taken for the year 2010. \$ 6.00 for students, \$ 10.00 for seniors and \$ 20.00 for others.

DOOR PRIZES:

The Club VP, Herman KN5GRK, gave out the following door prizes:

#1. The Club Secretary, Paul K5VSH won an ARRL 2001 Handbook.

#2. Danny KD5JSM won a plastic holder for QSL cards.

#3. Cheryl KE5IBM won the last prize which was a ladies gift.

NOTE:

The December 3rd will be a non-business meeting. It will be our annual Christmas Party. Everyone to bring a covered dish. **NO VE TESTING!**

Respectfully Submitted
Paul D. Scallan, K5VSH
Secretary, AARA

SkyWarn Recognition Day

December 5th, 2009 is National SkyWarn Recognition Day from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. The event is sponsored by the National Weather Service and the ARRL. Since this is a 24 hour event we need operators around the clock. You, especially our new hams, are encouraged to come out and help. For more information, go to:

<http://www.hamradio.noaa.gov>.



MINDEN AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION HAMFEST

Minden, Louisiana



Date: December 19, 2009

Location: City Hall, 520 Broadway St., Minden, LA

Admission: \$5.00

Time: 8:00 AM til

Talk-in: 147.300 (NLA Link Sys)

Main Prizes:

1st - Yaesu FT-450 HF

2nd - Icom IC-208H Dual Band Mobile

3rd - Yaesu FT-60R HT

Tickets: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Drawing will take place between 2:00-3:00 PM.

Forums: ARRL, ARES & others.

Participating Vendors:

Those vendors who have agreed to participate this year in the ham-fest include:

Blue Star Antennas

Clear Signal Products (the Coax-man)

Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

VE Testing: Time not available

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318-422-3159 (cell)

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MARA Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org>

CAJUN CUP 10K RUN

**Downtown Lafayette
November 14, 2009**

by Herman KN5GRK



(l to r) Ed KC5MMG, Archie W5AG, Herman KN5GRK, Sandy KE5KJF, Larry KE5KJD, Galen KF5BET, and Abbigail KF5BEW. Ralph WB5GAF & Phoebe KC5VRN were unavailable for the photo.

Members of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. took part in assisting the annual Cajun Cup 10K Run in downtown Lafayette on November 14th. The 10K race kicked off at approximately 8:20 AM on Jefferson Street between Vermillion and Main Streets.

Our group arrived at 7:15 AM across from the old Post Office/Federal Court House on Jefferson. Larry KE5KJD and Sandy KE5KJF (Chairpersons for this event) brought two dozen doughnuts and the "T" shirts. We were all briefed on what needed to be done and then all were dispersed to their appointed posts around the race course at about 7:45 AM. Each mile marker/watering station would have a ham radio operator to relay the lead runners to the Command Post manned by Herman KN5GRK and to the START/FINISH line manned by Larry KE5KJD. Also, if any emergency situations should arise along the course, it would be relayed to proper emergency personnel. No mishaps needing assistance were noted.

The weather was extremely nice for this event, not too hot, not too cold, just right. I think they had more runners this year (863) than the last previous years. Of course Kevin Castille ran the course in 30:38 minutes and won again as in the past.

We all had a GREAT time and looking forward to next year. Thanks to all that helped. BTW, free refreshments were available to those who helped after the race. Check out the following website for results and a ton of photos.

<http://www.cajuncup10k.com/Results.htm>

December 2009 Special Events & Contests

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| Dec. 5 | NI6IW - USS Midway (CV 41) Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. |
| Dec. 5 & 6 | W2W - National Electronics Museum - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. |
| Dec. 7 | NI4BK - Battleship North Carolina - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. |
| Dec. 7 | W5KID - USS Kid, Baton Rouge, LA - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. |
| Dec. 13 | ARRL 10 Meter Contest - Phone & CW. |
| Dec. 12 & 13 | WX3MAS - Nazareth - Bethlehem, PA. - Annual Christmas Greetings from the Twin Christmas Cities. |
| Dec. 19 | KC5OUR - Christmas from Bethlehem, NM. |
| Jan. 1 | ARRL Straight Key Night. |

You can find more listings of Contests and Special Event Stations in the December issue of QST on pages 66 and 92.

Join the ARRL and reap in on the benefits of belonging to this World Wide Amateur Radio Organization.



BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------|--------|
| 12/09 ROLAND | NA5Q |
| 12/10 LOUIS | KE5GLB |
| 12/11 PAT | ND5C |
| 12/13 LAURA | AB5YP |
| 12/13 MIKE | K5MDG |
| 12/15 NICK | KE5MWX |
| 12/21 JIM | N8OVD |
| 12/22 GERARD | KD5VPC |
| 12/25 RAY | KE5TPX |
| 1/01 NICK | K5QXJ |
| 1/03 BARBARA | N5AUO |
| 1/05 ARCHIE | W5AG |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership applications, this is why some may not be on the list.

November Meeting VE Test Session Results

Matthew R. Crochet KF5CAF of Broussard, LA upgraded to General class.

VE's were :

Danny Griffith K5ARH
Rick Breaux N5RLM
Greg Dolan K5LFT
Mitch Romero KIB5TWL
Archie Hill W5AG

**REMEMBER—NO VE TEST
SESSION AT THE DECEMBER
3rd MEETING!**

WELCOME NEW AARA MEMBERS

The AARA would like to welcome the newest members to our club.

Mike Gaspard - K5MDG
Louis Corne - license expired

November 2009 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 5 | 63 | 2 | 126 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 4 | 73 | 0 | 110 | KN5GRK Herman |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 4 | 20 | 0 | 51 | N5LRZ Ray |
| Acadia Parish ARES Net | 3 | 15 | 0 | 32 | KN5GRK Herman |
| Vermillion Parish ARES Net | 3 | 30 | 0 | 44 | KE5JXC Arnold |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 2 | * M 5 / G 9 | 0 | 16 | KE5JKD Larry |

Lagniappe . . . is something thrown in, gratis, for good measure. --Mark Twain.

The Culprit....

Recently I built a home brew five element six meter beam and mounted it on my US tower, model TX472MDP. In the process of raising my tower back to full height, I noticed the that the cable the pulls up and down the three (of four) sections was frayed.... All but two strands had rusted through. OWCH....I lowered the tower and ordered new cable.. Did not want my tower to collapse and come down with a bang....With the help of KN5O and N5KGV the new cable was installed and now my tower is back a full height, 70 feet. I dodged a bullet and am thankful that the problem was discovered. Although the cable is only 10 years old, you can see what rust will cause. .. TNX to KN5O and N5KGV for their help and encouragement. So if you have cables supporting your tower in any fashion, inspect, inspect and inspect. replace at any sign of rust.



US tower was generous with information and instructions on how to "restring" the three cables used in the raising and lower process. One addition I would make to US towers instructions. Before you attack any tower problem, kill all poison ivy, fire ants and especially stinging bugs, hornets, bees, etc. Also pick a cool day as this is not a job for mid summer in the south.

de Dallas Ward - K1DW

General License Classes

Beginning January 14th, the second Thursday of 2010, and each Thursday after (except AARA meeting night) the AARA will begin having General License Classes at 7:00 PM at the New Horizons Center at 4021 Ambassador Drive, Lafayette, LA across from Copeland's Restaurant.

At the time of this announcement, eight persons have signed up for the course. If you would like to put your name on the list, please contact Nick Pugh K5QXJ.

Some of our club members have expressed the desire to help with these classes and you will be informed on any new changes. This is a good time to upgrade and enjoy the fun of HF privileges.

VP's Message

My message is short. First I would like to thank Grant KF5CNU for offering to pick up the AARA Monday Night Net beginning the first of the year and Calvin KD5JCT for offering to help out with the Acadian Parish ARES Net on Monday night beginning the first of the year. Hope you will support these nets.

On December 5th, we will ask for volunteers to go down to the Lafayette Parish EOC and operate the radios for National SkyWarn Recognition Day. Anyone wanting to help, just let me know in order to get security clearance.

Hope all had a GREAT Thanksgiving and wishing all a:

**VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**
de Herman KN5GRK

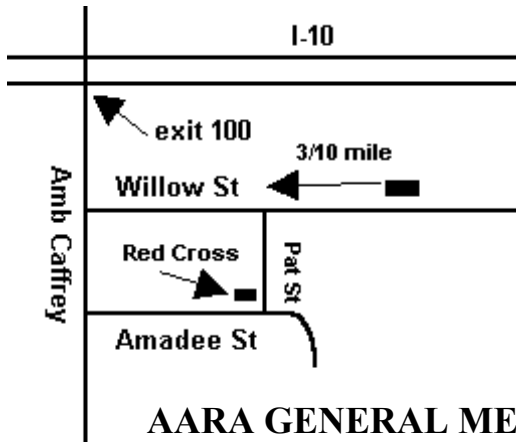
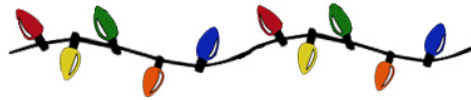
Dues Time

It's that time of the year when you should think of renewing your club membership for the 2010-2011 year. You can go to our club webpage at: <http://www.w5ddl.org> and click on "Membership Application" to download a .pdf form. Fill it all out and mail it in with your dues.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!!



Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday December 3rd, 2009 - 7:00 PM
No VE Testing - Covered Dish Meeting
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA
Check 146.820 - repeater for info.

COMPLEMENTARY
ISSUE



Paul's Oven Baked BBQ Spare Ribs

(submitted by Paul Scallan K5VSH)

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| 1 rack of spare ribs, may be cut in half | 1 tbs. Worcestershire sauce |
| 1/2 cup honey | 1 tbs. soy sauce |
| 1/4 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp. Dijon mustard |
| 1 cup of your favorite BBQ sauce | 2 tsp. onion powder |
| 1 tsp. liquid smoke | 1 tsp. garlic powder |
| | Tony Chachere's Seasoning |

Remove excess fat and connective tissue between ribs.

Season both sides of ribs with Tony's and put ribs on a large, Pam sprayed baking sheet with sides.

Cover tight with foil and bake at 375° F. for 1 hour. Pour off excess liquids.

Mix all other ingredients in a sauce pan. Bring to a boil and simmer for about 5 minutes then cool.

After 1 hour, remove the foil, baste both sides with sauce, and return to oven.

Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour, basting every 15 minutes. When bones start to "fall out", ribs are done.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New callsign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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